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Field Crops Report

For the week ending August 22, bolls have opened on 45 percent of the acreage compared to 40 percent last year and the five year average of 45 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 32 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on half of the State's acreage. Fifty percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped green onions and watermelons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending August 21. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Parker and Yuma to 6 degrees below normal at Payson. The highest temperature of the week was 108 degrees at Parker and Yuma, the lowest reading was 43 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the highest amount of rainfall at 2.72 inches and Parker received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.06 inches.

Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 21 , 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	-2	88	54	0.16	4.11	5.68
Casa Grande	89	-5	101	67	0.84	6.38	5.30
Coolidge	89	-4	102	69	0.94	5.95	5.95
Douglas	77	-5	91	56	0.47	6.12	8.28
Flagstaff	64	-3	74	43	2.72	10.59	14.32
Gila Bend	93	-2	106	73	0.00	3.41	4.16
Grand Canyon	65	-1	85	45	0.11	9.63	10.77
Kingman	80	-1	95	66	0.15	2.66	8.60
Parker	92	1	108	74	0.06	1.57	3.11
Payson	74	-6	83	54	0.61	12.62	14.04
Phoenix	93	-3	103	75	0.35	4.97	4.80
Prescott Airport	71	-1	84	55	0.00	3.78	8.99
Safford Ag Center	81	-5	93	59	1.05	7.87	5.60
Tucson	85	-4	96	66	0.40	5.19	7.16
Willcox	78	-4	89	58	1.55	8.63	7.95
Winslow	75	-4	95	54	0.29	5.03	4.62
Yuma	93	1	108	80	0.00	1.16	1.73

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.